SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASBESTOS LITIGATION

ANNA SZCZEPANIK

(Estate of Benedict Szczepanik),

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

AW CHESTERTON CO., et al

Defendant(s).

Docket No: L-1465-13 (AS)

Civil Action

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER IV

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *July 24, 2014*:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Cohen Placitella & Roth	Michael McMahon	Plaintiff(s)
Brennan Law Firm	Craig Cox	Smith-Koch
Carroll McNulty	Michael A. Moroney	Copes Vulcan
Caruso Smith	Marcia DePolo	Amchem; Union Carbide
Eckert Seamans		Superior Lidgerwood Mundy
K&L Gates	Tara Pehush	Crane Pumps & Systems Inc.
Kent McBride	Ravi Shah	Alfa Laval
Margolis Edelstein	J. Edmund Bryak	John Crane
Marshall Dennehey	Lisa Only	Warren Pumps
Mayfield Turner	Andrew Keith	Carrier Corp.
McGivney Kluger	Thomas McNulty	Dover
Pascarella DiVita	Stephanie DiVita	Ingersoll Rand
Sedgwick	Afigo Fadahunsi	CBS/Westinghouse; Foster Wheeler; General
		Electric

IT IS on this <u>24<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>July, 2014</u> effective from the conference date;

### ORDERED as follows:

Counsel receiving this Order through computerized electronic medium (E-Mail) shall be deemed by the court to have received a copy of the filed original court document. Any document served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be served by mail pursuant to *R*.1:5-2.

### **DISCOVERY**

September 30, 2014 Fact di

Fact discovery, including depositions, shall be completed by this date. Plaintiff's counsel shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if all fact discovery is not completed.

October 30, 2014 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

#### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

November 7, 2014 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this

date.

January 8, 2014 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **CANCELLED.** 

# SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

November 21, 2014 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

December 19, 2014 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

## **MEDICAL DEFENSE**

November 28, 2014 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

November 28, 2014 Plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology specimens and x-rays, if any, by

this date.

January 30, 2015 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical expert reports, if

any, by this date. In addition, defendants shall notify plaintiff's counsel (as well as all counsel of record) of a joinder in an expert medical defense by this date.

### LIABILITY EXPERT REPORTS

December 24, 2014 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports or a

certified expert statement by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability

expert testimony.

January 30, 2015 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if

any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

### **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

February 27, 2015 Expert depositions shall be completed by this date. To the extent that plaintiff and

defendant generic experts have been deposed before, the parties seeking that deposition in this case must file an application before the Special Master and demonstrate the necessity for that deposition. To the extent possible, documents requested in a deposition notice directed to an expert shall be produced three days in advance of the expert deposition. The expert shall not be required to produce

documents that are readily accessible in the public domain.

### PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL

February 25, 2015 @ 10:00am Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority

to negotiate settlement and have a representative authorized to negotiate settlement available by phone. Any request to be excused from the

settlement conference shall be made to the Special Master no later than 4:00pm of the day prior to the conference.

March 30, 2015

Trial Date. (The February 2, 2015 trial is adjourned to this date.)

Plaintiff's counsel shall serve a copy of this Order upon any additional counsel immediately upon receipt.

/s/ Ana C. Viscomi ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort

**Brody Deposition Services** 

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